

**FRUITPORT CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2015**

A work session of the Fruitport Charter Township Board began at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2015, in the township board room.

Members Present: Brian Werschem, Supervisor; Carol Hulka, Clerk; Rose Dillon, Treasurer; Trustees Ron Becklin, Dave Markgraf, Marjorie Nash and Chuck Whitlow. Members Absent: None

At 7:00 p.m., Supervisor Werschem opened the regular meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

Also Present: 8 -township residents; 1-employee; and DPW Director, Farrar

The motion by Dave Markgraf, seconded by Ron Becklin, was **carried unanimously**, to approve the meeting agenda and the consent agenda for January 12, 2015 board meeting.

The consent agenda includes the following:

- a. Reappointment of Mike Michelli to Planning Commission

- b. Reappointment of Dave Jacobs to Board of Review
- c. Reappointment of George Manning to Board of Review
- d. Reappointment of Jim Fett to Board of Review
- e. Reappointment of E. David Farhat as Alternate on Board of Review
- f. Reappointment of Steve Paul to Zoning Board of Appeals

15-001 Corrections—to the December 8, 2014 Board Meeting

The motion by Rose Dillon, supported by Chuck Whitlow, was carried unanimously, to approve the meeting minutes of December 8, 2014 board meeting— with the following corrections:

Members Present:

FROM:

Carol Hulka, Clerk: . . .

TO:

Brian Werschem, Supervisor; Carol Hulka, Clerk; . . .

Agenda Item 14-127 Police Department Vacancy

FROM: . . . to promote part-time officer Rob Adkins to full-time effective 12/08/2014.

Officer Adkins . .

TO:

**. . . . to promote part-time officer Rob Atkinson to full-time effective 12/08/2014. Officer Atkinson . .
FROM**

CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS

Michigan Township Legislative up-dates

Muskegon County Solid Waste Free Dump Day Program 2015
Quarterly up-date of Michigan Township Participating Plan—property & casualty
Preliminary 2014-2015 budget

PUBLIC COMMENTS--none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15-002 Muskegon Area District Library

Mary Weimer, Laura Oldt, and Rose Dillon, all representing the Fruitport Library Committee, discussed the Muskegon Area District Library.

NEW BUSINESS-

15-003 Edward Jones Investment Option Additions and Deletions

Township retirement representative, Floyd Peplinski, discussed various Edward Jones investment options and recommended deletions and additions to the plan.

Ron Becklin moved, Rose Dillon seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to accept the recommendations.

Ayes: Becklin, Dillon, Nash, Hulka, Whitlow, Markgraf, Werschem Nays: none

15-004 Dissemination Agreement w / Bendzinski

Chuck Whitlow moved, supported by Dave Markgraf, **MOTION CARRIED**, to enter into an agreement with Bendinski & Co, municipal finance advisors, to act as the Township's dissemination agent regarding the Refunding Bonds, Series 2010 and 2013 General Obligation Bonds.

Ayes: Whitlow, Markgraf, Hulka, Dillon, Nash, Becklin, Werschem Nays: none

15-005 DPW Staffing

a. Chuck Whitlow moved, Dave Markgraf seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to promote township employee, Pat Nichols, to administrative assistant in the DPW Department.

Ayes: Whitlow, Markgraf, Hulka, Dillon, Nash, Becklin, Werschem Nays: none

b. Ron Becklin moved, Marjorie Nash seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to not fill the vacancy of the position vacated by the promotion of Pat Nichols to DPW Administrative Assistant.

Ayes: Becklin, Nash, Whitlow, Markgraf, Hulka, Dillon, Werschem Nays: none

Continuation of DPW Staffing

c. Dave Markgraf moved, Chuck Whitlow seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to hire a full-time field worker and authorize DPW Director, Matt Farrar, to begin the hiring process and no nepotism is permitted.

Ayes: Markgraf, Whitlow, Hulka, Dillon, Nash, Becklin, Werschem Nays: none

d. Chuck Whitlow moved, Rose Dillon seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to make the promotion of Pat Nichols effective January 5, 2015.

Ayes: Whitlow, Dillon, Hulka, Markgraf, Becklin, Nash, Werschem Nays: none

15-006 Payment of Bills

Dave Markgraf moved, seconded by Carol Hulka **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve bills for payment in the following amounts: General Fund and Parks: \$154,845.52; Public Safety: \$141,191.31; Water: \$199,875.43; Sewer \$19,339.97 Total: \$515,252.23

Ayes: Markgraf, Hulka, Dillon, Nash, Becklin, Whitlow, Werschem Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Johnson, Norton Shores, new owner of the former Orchard Market in Cloverville, discussed his plans to hold a family event on the premises on Labor Day weekend. The Board showed unanimous support of this event.

Ken Hulka, Managing Director of the Muskegon County Road Commission, discussed and answered questions concerning a February 24th election for a millage proposal to supplement State road funding for local roads.

Fruitport Library committee representative, Laura Oldt, reminded the Board that the library committee meets every 3rd Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Fruitport Township hall and that the public is welcome.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

DPW Director, Matt Farrar, reported that water switch over from Muskegon Heights to the City of Muskegon is on schedule for April 15, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion by Rose Dillon, seconded by Dave Markgraf, was **carried unanimously**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

CAROL HULKA, CLERK BRIAN WERSCHEM, SUPERVISOR

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